Rangers, Football Team Kick Off Safe Boating Week

Nashville, Tenn. (May 10, 2006) — Rangers at Dale Hollow Lake will be joined by the entire Macon County High School Football team May 13 as they endeavor to draw attention to the importance of safe boating.

Football standout Jonathan Hudson, a member of the Macon High Tigers, fell overboard from a 17-foot vessel and drowned March 27 while boating with two friends. His body was recovered April 14.

National Safe Boating Week begins the following weekend and runs through May 26. The rangers and team members will 'Kickoff' National Safe Boating Week by talking to boaters, and distributing literature about the importance of wearing life jackets and boating safely at area launching ramps and lake access points from noon until 3 p.m.

Tigers' Coach Daniel Cook said the team wants to help draw attention to the importance of boating safely after losing a friend and valuable member of the team.

"We just want to show people how this touched our lives," said Cook. "It touched home here so much and we want people to know how to be safe on the water."

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